GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ROLE OF NIRD
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to broaden the role of the National Institute for Rural Development (NIRD);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to have a campus of NIRD;

(d) if so, the details of new locations where more campuses of NIRD are likely to start functioning;

(e) whether NIRD propose to associate NGOs to train Panchayati Raj officials; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) There are no proposals under consideration at present to broaden the role of National Institute of Rural Development.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) with its Headquarter at Hyderabad is also having a Regional Centre at Guwahati to serve the states of North-Eastern Region.At present, there is no proposal to have more campuses of NIRD at new locations.

(e) Most of the training programmes for the Panchayati Raj officials are conducted at the level of State Government through their training institutes. However, NIRD always makes use of the services of experts from reputed NGOs as resource persons in its various training programmes, including those programmes meant for training of Panchayati Raj Officials.

(f) NIRD has prepared a faculty development scheme which provides for active workers from Non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations and persons with expertise in Rural Development issuesvisiting the Institute to share their experiences in Non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations which can be used in training.Within the purview of this scheme NIRD will be able to associate NGOs for the training of Panchayati Raj Officials.